

JCC 9-12-23 Policy and Procedures – Commissioner Edits Packet 2

Changes made:

73-10 Handling and Storage of Medical Gases

Purpose: non-sentence: In order to ensure a safe environment for residents visitors and staff. That should be part of the prior sentence with a comma between, not a new sentence

HANDLING AND STORAGE OF MEDICAL GASES

POLICY:

- ~~1. All medical gases and compressed air shall be handled and stored in a safe manner.~~
- ~~2. Smoking is prohibited in any area where compressed gases or liquids are in use or in storage.~~

Laguna Honda Hospital (Laguna Honda) will comply with the California Code of Regulations, Article 76, Section 4650, with in regards to the storage, handling, and use of compressed gas cylinders. Smoking is prohibited in any area where compressed gases or liquids are in use or in storage.

PURPOSE:

~~To ensure a safe environment for residents, visitors and staff.~~
This program describes how Laguna Honda will store, handle, and use compressed gas cylinders in a manner that ensures employee safety and complies with applicable regulations. ~~in order to ensure a safe environment for residents, visitors, and staff.~~

PROCEDURE:

1. A "No Smoking" sign shall be placed on oxygen carriers or holders and posted in areas where compressed gases or liquids are stored. Before issuing each cylinder, Central Supply Room staff shall place a "No Smoking" sign around the cylinder neck. Department heads in charge of storage and use of compressed gases or liquids will be held responsible for placing of signs.
2. Persons transporting full or empty "H" gas cylinders must ensure that the cap is secured at all times except when cylinders with regulators in place are prepared and transported in the care units. "E" cylinders do not require capping for transport.
3. The gas cylinders valve protection devices shall not be used for lifting cylinders.
4. All cylinders, empty or full, shall be properly fastened at all times during site delivery and storage.
5. Empty cylinders are segregated from full cylinders
6. To prevent cylinders from falling over, the care unit personnel and staff from other areas where cylinders are used must ensure that each cylinder remains on its carrier and that each carrier rests on its wheels at all times.
7. Cylinders stored in the open are protected from weather.

ATTACHMENT:

None

REFERENCE:

Title 8, CAC Article 76, Section 4650

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